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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Katsuhida MANABE et al.

Serial No.: 09/783,035

Group Art Unit: 2813

Filed: February 15, 2002

Examiner: Nguyen, Thanh T.

For: LIGHT-EMITTING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING GROUP III NITROGEN COMPOUND

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims 20-25 are all of the claims currently pending in the application. Claims 20 and 22 are independent. Claims 16 and 17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 22-25 are added.

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